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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Woman Charged with Aggravated Battery After Spitting in Faces of Two Deputies**

On January 3, 2023, at approximately 10:00 p.m., a Lake County Sheriff's Lieutenant was in the area of Volo Village Road, just east of Route 12, Volo. The lieutenant noticed a vehicle in the ditch near the entrance to Fish Lake Beach. As the lieutenant started getting closer, he saw the driver of the vehicle back out of the ditch and back into a utility pole.

The lieutenant spoke to the driver of the vehicle, Kiara Pearson, 32, of the 100 block of Glen St, Grayslake. Pearson was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol and arrested. Pearson was initially transported to Lakemoor Police Department for processing. While being processed, Pearson spit at two sheriff's deputies, striking them both in the face with her spit. Pearson then bragged that she had a communicable disease.

Pearson was subsequently charged with two counts of aggravated battery to a peace officer and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Both sheriff's deputies were evaluated at a local hospital. Both will undergo further testing to determine if they became infected.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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